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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International Application No.

PCT/EP2003/011450

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

☒ the international application as originally filed

☒ the description:

pages _____ 1-7 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

☒ the claims:

pages _____ 1-11 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

☒ the drawings:

pages _____ 1/3-3/3 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

☐ the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

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- ☐ the description, pages _____
☐ the claims, Nos. _____
☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

This report makes reference to the following documents:

- D1: EP-A-0 662 405 (BAER GERD)
12 July 1995 (1995-07-12)
- D2: EP-A-0 629 524 (RICON UK LTD)
21 December 1994 (1994-12-21)
- D3: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 1996, no. 10, 31
October 1996 (1996-10-31) & JP 08 150869 A
(NIPPON RIFUTO KK), 11 June 1996 (1996-06-11)
- D4: FA. TRÖSCH AG: 'Betriebsanleitung Trösch
Cargolift Hydfalt 3' HOMEPAGE FA. TRÖSCH AG
SCHWEIZ, [Online] July 2002 (2002-07),
XP002232265, found on the Internet:
<URL:http://www.troesch-ag.ch/PDF/
Betriebsanleitungen/
01125377_Tr_hydfalt_d_0702.pdf>
[found 2003-02-19]

Novelty and inventive step

D1, which is considered to represent the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, discloses (the references in parentheses are to this document):

A lifting platform for a vehicle with a lifting mechanism for raising and lowering a platform (column 1, paragraph 2) and guide rails in which the lifting mechanism is retained in a suspended manner by a vertical carriage (claim 1) and can be slidingly displaced between a working position located behind the vehicle and a travelling position located below the vehicle (column 3, lines 29-39; drawings 1 and 2), wherein said carriage has guide elements with multiple sliding pieces (drawing 3).

The subject matter of claim 1 differs from the known lifting platform (D1) in that a front guide element is fitted with a top-side sliding piece and a rear guide element is fitted with an under-side sliding piece, in that the front guide element is mounted from above on the carriage and locked there to the carriage at right angles to the direction of mounting and/or in that the rear guide element is mounted on the carriage from below in an aperture of the carriage and locked to the carriage at right angles to the direction of mounting.

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The problem addressed by the present invention may therefore be considered that of further improving the lifting platform according to D1 with respect to the ease with which it can be serviced and installed.

None of the citations in the search report (D1-D4) either discloses the mountability and easy locking of the sliding pieces indicated in the characterizing part of claim 1 or suggests such a solution.

The solution proposed in claim 1 of the present

application therefore involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

Claims 2-11 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and independent step.

Further observations

Pursuant to PCT Rule 5.1, the description should have cited D1 as being the closest prior art and briefly outlined the relevant prior art disclosed therein.